GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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MALHOTRA COMMITTEE REPORT
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Malhotra panel report not for polls, city needs houses, appearing in `The Indian Express` dated November 30, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the aim of the Malhotra Committee report is to facilitate the common man of Delhi keeping in view the increase in the number of members within a family unit and the need to give permission for raising one more floor on the existing buildings;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the families residing in Government houses are also living in cramped conditions;

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to permit them to raise some additional rooms within the available space in the precincts of quarters or to undertake the construction thereof by the Government at the cost of the allottees of the quarters;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes. Sir.

(b)to(d): Government of NCT of Delhi had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof.V.K. Malhotra to look into the matter of Unified Building Bye-laws of Delhi 1983.On basis of some of its recommendations, Goverment had, as per the provisions under section 11A of Delhi Development Act, issued notification on July 23, 1998 purporting amendment in MPD 2001. Bythese amendments, among other things, higher floor area ratio, density and height was allowed in plotted and residential buildings. Thereafter, Government had, in a further notification of June 7, 2000, stipulated that building control norms of the earlier notification would be made available subject to layout and service plans and availability of essential infrastructure. A clarification has been issued by the Government on November 27, 2001 that the floor area ratio as made permissible by the notification of July 1998 could be sanctioned subject to condition that additional/extra dwelling unit was not created in the plotted development. This is to provide extra living space in the plotted/residential housing in Delhi. This matter relating to clarification is however subjudice.

(e): Type and size of Government accommodation is allowed on the basis of eligibility which is determined by the basic pay of the employee on a prescribed date and is not related to the size of his family.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): does not arise.

(h): For reasons of structural safety, design constraints, restrictions due to local building bye-laws and necessity of maintenance of minimum level of essential services, it is difficult to allow construction of additional rooms in Government houses.